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In re application of

Rolf Steiger

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DECISION ON
PETITION

This is a decision on the PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT, filed May 8, 2002 for failure to respond to the office action dated June 15, 2001. Applicants assert that a response and three-month extension of time were timely submitted by the Applicant's on December 10, 2001.

DECISION

Since petitioner asserts that the papers were filed in a timely manner, the request is accepted as a petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.181 (no fee). A review of the petitioner's evidence provided with the instant petition indicates that the request has merit. The evidence, being a date stamped post card receipt from the USPTO and a certificate of mailing by applicants, is sufficient to establish that applicants did mail a response on December 10, 2001.

Therefore, the Notice of Abandonment dated March 26, 2002 is hereby withdrawn. Hence, the case is returned to pending status. The application shall be returned to the LIE for entering of the response (note: the three-month extension of time has already been charged to the account). After such is completed, the case will then be forwarded to the examiner for prompt consideration.

The Petition is **GRANTED**.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Richard V. Fisher".

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